

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

IRENE G. BERCKMAN and  
EDWIN BERCKMAN,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MERCK & CO., INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:06cv714

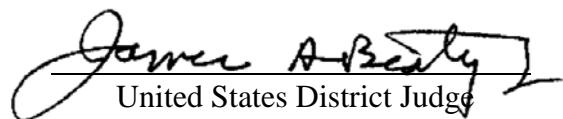
**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on the Joint Motion of Plaintiffs Irene G. Berckman and Edwin Berckman (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Merck & Co., Inc. (“Merck”) to stay all proceedings in this action pending resolution of Merck’s motion before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation for transfer of this case to a single court for coordinated pretrial management, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. This Court has reviewed the Joint Motion. For good cause shown, and in the interest of judicial economy, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Stay All Proceedings Pending Transfer Decision by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation is granted, and this case is stayed pending a transfer decision by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. It is further

ORDERED that Merck shall be responsible for notifying the Court when a transfer decision has been made.

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.



James A. Beatty, Jr.  
United States District Judge